2060. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Department of Culture constituted a Trust in May, 1995 for the betterment of libraries and the welfare of librariens, with the funds placed at its disposal by the Indian Library Association in 1993;

(b) if so, whether the notification constituting the trust has been issued and the Trustees informed about it; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not making the Trust operational with the funds lying with Government for about four years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The General Conference of the International Federation of Library Association was held in 1992 in New Delhi. The income from various sources exceeded the expenditure for organising the Conference by Rs. 60 lakhs. It was decided by the Government that the savings should be kept in fixed deposit or similar account till a group consisting of eminent librarians, members of the Indian Library Association and some scholars can be convened to determine how best this fund could be utilised. This matter was reviewed recently and a meeting of librarians and scholars is being convened shortly.

Funds for Computer Literacy in the North Eastern Region

2061. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds allotted for computer literacy in the North Eastern Region are returned unutilised in the absence of suitable schemes; and

(b) if so, what Government propose to do for proper utilisation of these funds?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) None of the seven north eastern states have returned any unutilised funds allotted under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Computer Litrarcy and Studies in Schools.

(b) permission to carry forward the unspent funds is given from time to time facilities proper utilisation. Appropriate guidance is also given to the states from time to time.

Ordinance to Restore Old Trust deed to IGNCA

2062. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the analytical news report published in INDIA TODAY (June 22nd issue) captioned "Mutiny on the BOUNTY";

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the various anomalies and irregularities in IGNCA alongwith steps taken or proposed to be taken to rectify these;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government asked Member Secretary IGNCA on 8.6.1998 to redress the grievances of the employees amicably. The strike was withdrawn following reinstatement of the employee in service of IGNCA with effect from 10.6.1998.

The opinion of the Attorney General has been sought on the amendments carried out to the Trust deed and the options open to Government.

Transportation/Accommodation Facility to IGNCA Employees

2063. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names, designations and pay scales of the officials of IGNCA who have been granted official/lease based accommodation including to and fro transport facility for attending office;

(b) whether Government propose to extend the same to other employees of IGNCA as they are required to adhere to strict norms of punctuality; and

(c) the steps Government propose to provide housing facility to employees of IGNCA as they are not covered by any housing pool?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

Re-Evaluation of English Language Paper in CBSE Class XIIth Examination

2064. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Principals of prominent public Schools of Delhi and outside demanded re-evaluation of English language paper in the CBSE Class XII examination results declared on 9th June, 98;

(b) whether similar demands have also been received from other groups by CBSE;

(c) whether Government propose to ask CBSE to take necessary action on these demands to remove the grievances of students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already clarified that scrutinies done after the receipt of complaints have not revealed any aberrations in the marking of the English language paper. The Government, therefore, does not propose to issue any directions to CBSE in this respect.

Progress under the National Literacy Mission in Assam

2065. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Literacy Mission has been launched in every district of the country;

(b) if so, how many districts of Assam have been left out; and

(c) the details of the progress made under the programme in other districts of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. The Total Literacy Campaign, which is the principal strategy of the National Literacy Mission for eradication of illiteracy, has been launched in 442 districts of the country.

(b) Out of a total of 23 districts in Assam, Dhemari, Bongaigaon and Karbi Anglong districts are yet to be covered under total literacy campaigns.

(c) A statement indicating the progress made in the districts under literacy campaigns in Assam is attached.

Statement

Progress under the National Literacy Mission in Assam

(Figure in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	Date of sanction	Enrolment	Primers I	Completed II	Completed III
1.	Barpeta	14.3.97	(Ad hoc grant of Rs. 25.00 lakh released for preparatory work)			
2.	Cachar	30.1.95	2.69	1.54	0.90	--
3.	Dhubri	20.2.96	3.06	0.60	--	--
4.	Dibrugarh	9.3.95	1.48	1.39	1.19	0.91
5.	Golpara	28.2.96	0.16	--	--	--
6.	Golaghat	6.2.96	0.27	0.16	--	--
7.	Jorhat	29.7.92	1.14	1.05	0.95	0.92
8.	Kamrup	13.3.95	0.43	0.43	0.14	--